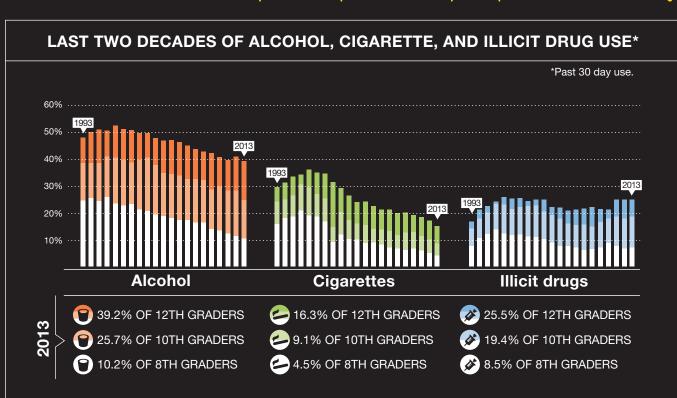
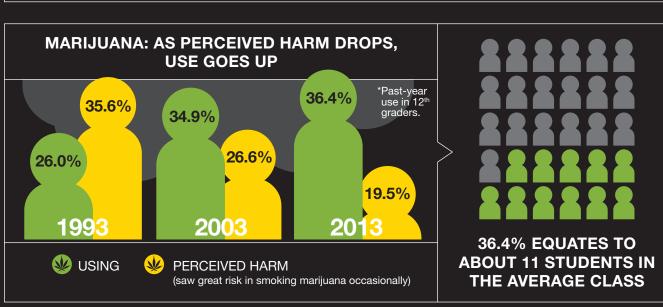


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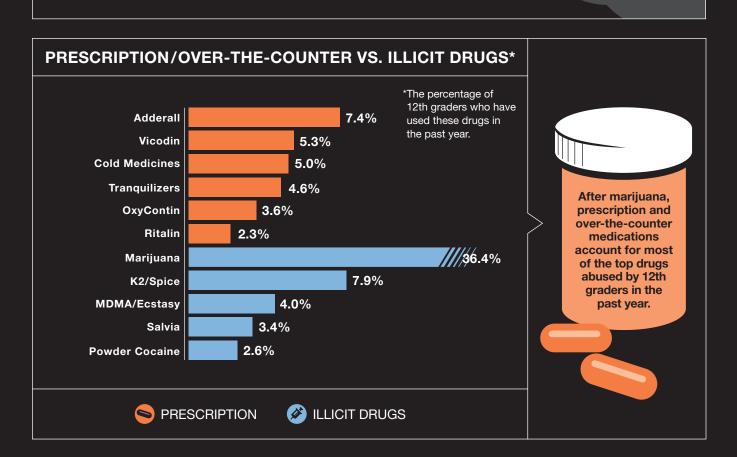
Overall, 41,675 students from 389 public and private schools participated in the 2013 survey.





60% OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS DO NOT VIEW REGULAR MARIJUANA USE AS HARMFUL,

which is nearly double from 20 years ago. The potency of marijuana, as measured by THC content, has steadily increased over the last few years, which means that daily use of today's marijuana may have greater health consequences than use of marijuana from 10 to 20 years ago.





These are substances that are chemically similar to and/or mimic the effects of illicit drugs. This year, 7.9% of high school seniors reported past-year use of K2/Spice (sometimes called synthetic marijuana), down, from last year's number of 11.3%. Past-year use of the substances called "bath salts" was low for all three grades - at or below 1%.

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